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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW-ACTION SUMMARY-FIFTH WEEK
OF ROUND II (APRIL 1-4, 1975)

REF: OECD PARIS 9751

SUMMARY: IT WAS A SHORT WEEK, BUT THE EASTER SPIRIT NOTWITHSTANDING, ONLY ONE ITEM, IL 1521, WAS RESOLVED ON AN AD REF BASIS. DISCUSSIONS ON 1533, 1537, AND 1541 REACHED THE STAGE WHERE RESOLUTION BEFORE ROUND III SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH APPROPRIATE US ACTION. THE US WAS WITHOUT ADEQUATE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE LAST TWO. DISCUSSION ON IL 1529 WAS EXTREMELY COMPLEX AND CONSIDERABLE WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE IN CAPITALS. THE US WAS SUBJECTED TO SCORCHING CRITICISM FOR HAVING BEEN UNABLE AGAIN TO TAKE A POSITION OF ANY SORT ON THE IMPORTANT IL 1584, OSCILLOSCOPES. EVEN IF ROUND III AGREEMENT MIGHT NOTBE REACHED, US CREDIBILITY WILL SUFFER IF WE DO NOT HAVE AT LEAST A COUNTERPROPOSAL ON THE TABLE BY THAT TIME. ACTION REQUESTED: AS NOTED BELOW AND IN ITEM REPORTING. END SUMMARY.

1. IL-1521 AMPLIFIERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT. THIS ITEM WILL BE CONCLUDED WITH THE LIFTING OF AD REF POSITIONS. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED. OECD PARIS 8559
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CONTAINS DETAILS.

2. IL 1529 - ELECTRONIC MEASURING AND TESTING INSTRUMENTS. THE US COUNTERPROPOSAL ON THIS ITEM REQUIRES ADJUSTMENTS IN THE LIGHT OF THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER MEMBERS. BECAUSE OF ITS VARIETY AND COMPLEXITY, USDEL NEED NOT ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS IN ROUND III UNLESS EXPERT ADVICE BECOMES AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. SEE OECD PARIS 8708 FOR DETAILS.

3. IL 1533 RADIO SPECTRUM ANALYZERS. THIS ITEM MERELY REQUIRES THE LIFTING OF US AD REFS AND RESERVES TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN ROUNDS WITHOUT NEED FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL DISCUSSION IN ROUND III. POLICY RATHER THAN TECHNICAL DETERMINATION IS REQUIRED. SEE OECD PARIS 8574 FOR DETAILS.

4.IL 1537 MICROWAVE EQUIPMENT. THIS ITEM SHOULD BE RESOLVED BETWEEN ROUNDS BY SIMPLE APPROVAL OF A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL DEVELOPED BY EXPERTS WHICH INCORPORATES US DESIDERATA. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION IS REQUIRED. DETAILS ARE COVERED IN OECD PARIS 8682.

5. IL 1541 CATHODE RAY TUBES. THIS ITEM SHOULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION BY THE LIFTING OF A US RESERVE ON A UK SUBSTITUTE FOR AN EMBARGO PARAMETER THAT HAS BEEN REGARDED AS UNSUITABLE FOR MANY YEARS BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. SEE OECD PARIS 8578 FOR DETAILS.
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